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SDWLP SFY 05 Funding List

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The Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) Funding List for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2005 was published online at:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/EL/Section/news.html> on Wednesday, September 15, 2004, and is included in the Appendix of this issue of *Loan Interests*. The list includes 19 projects for which the SDWLP received applications by April 30, 2004, requesting a total \$62,352,846 of financial assistance.

The first 9 projects on the list fall within the fundable range, with only partial funding available for Union Grove's Project No. 5165-01. The SDWLP allocated \$43,272,889 of available funds to these 9 projects as indicated in the column labeled "Funds Available for this Municipality". The SDWLP does not expect to have additional funds available in SFY 2005 for the remaining projects on the list.

However, as stated in the SDWLP Funding Policies for SFY 2005 (published in *Loan Interests* Issue No. 135 in June 2004), if a community has a project in the SFY 2005 fundable range and:

does not use all of the funding allocated to the project,

fails to execute a loan on or before April 30, 2005, or

is allocated funding that is later reduced in accordance with ss. NR 166.26(3)(b) to (h), Wis. Adm. Code,

then DNR and DOA will reallocate the unused funding to eligible projects on the funding list in priority order, in accordance with s. NR 166.26, Wis. Adm. Code. If loans for funds reallocated after January 1, 2005, are not executed on or before April 30, 2006, DNR and DOA will add any unused funds to the SFY 2007 available funding. If there are no eligible projects to which the SDWLP can allocate any unused SFY 2005 funding as of April 30, 2005, DNR and DOA will add any unused or unallocated funds to the SFY 2006 available funding.

Applying in SFY 2006

If you're interested in applying for SFY 2006 funds from the SDWLP, your local governmental unit must submit the following:

- an SDWLP Notice of Intent to Apply form (ITA – Form 8700-260), postmarked by December 31, 2004;
- an SDWLP Priority Evaluation and Ranking Form (PERF – Form 8700-265), postmarked by December 31, 2004; and
- an SDWLP Financial Assistance Application (Form 8700-262) and related documents, postmarked by April 30, 2005.

If you already submitted a PERF for your project and received a priority score from the SDWLP for the project, you do not have to submit another PERF.

If your project is included on the SFY 2005 SDWLP Funding List but is not in the fundable range and you are still interested in obtaining SDWLP financial

assistance for your project, you must submit a new ITA and Financial Assistance Application by the deadline dates indicated above.

Print SDWLP forms from the web at: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/EL/FORMS/forms.html>. Contact Deb Olson at (608) 266-5889 or debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us if you need forms mailed to you.

If you have questions about the SDWLP, contact Jeanne Cargill at (608) 267-7587 or jeanne.cargill@dnr.state.wi.us.



Funding Sources Workshops

Jerry Wilson

If you have questions about financing a project, join representatives of the Water and Wastewater Funding Sources Committee at one of three locations this Fall. See the attached workshops announcement for details.

Representatives of various funding agencies will share updates on funding availability and will answer questions. As time permits after each session, representatives will be available to meet with attendees one-on-one to discuss specific projects.

Committee Participating Agencies are:

- Bd of Commissioners of Public Lands
- Foundation for Rural Housing, Inc.
- USDA Rural Development
- WI Community Action Program Assoc
- WI Department of Administration
- WI Department of Commerce

- WI Department of Natural Resources
- WI Department of Veteran's Affairs
- WI Housing & Econ Devel Authority
- WI Rural Water Association

Representatives from many of these agencies will be available at the workshops. The Funding Sources Committee will also be staffing an information booth at the Wisconsin Towns Association Convention and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Annual Conference in October.

If you have questions regarding the workshops, contact Pat Sullivan at patricia.sullivan@dnr.state.wi.us, or 608-266-5742, or Jerry Wilson at gerald.wilson@dnr.state.wi.us, or 608-264-8986. Pre-registration is requested only for the October 20 evening abbreviated session in Dodgeville (see attachment).

EIF WebReports Moved & Rewritten

Ed Brinson

The EIF WebReports site recently moved to the following address: <http://www.eif.doa.wi.gov/eif/start.asp>. Please change your internet bookmark to this new website soon; the prior website will be discontinued in the near future. We also encourage new users to visit this site.

Department of Administration (DOA) Enterprise Technology staff rewrote the EIF WebReports to no longer require the use of Crystal Report viewer to view the reports. The new reports are written as HTML documents. This generic format does not require any special report viewer to be installed on users' machines. The new version of EIF WebReports was installed in August 2004.

A number of minor enhancements are included in the new reports. The

Calendar of Events

October 1, 2004
Postmark deadline
LRLP Applications

October 3-6, 2004
Funding Sources Booth
WI Towns Assoc. Convention
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel,
Appleton, WI

October 20, 2004
Funding Sources Presentation
Evening 6-8:30pm
City Hall, Dodgeville
100 E Fountain Street

October 27-29, 2004
Funding Sources Booth
Radisson Hotel, La Crosse
League of WI Municipalities
Annual Conference

November 9, 2004
Funding Sources Workshop
8:30-12:00am
WRWA, Plover WI
350 Water Way

November 10, 2004
Funding Sources Workshop
9:15am-2:00pm
City Hall, Rice Lake
30 E Eau Claire St

December 31, 2004
ITAs and PERFs
Deadline for CFWP, SDWLP, and
LRLP

January 15, 2005
Applications on the web for
UNPS and TRM grant programs
(see article in Appendix)

reports, for example, now allow users to select a portion of the information on a report to copy and paste or to print just that portion. The print button on the new reports launches the browser printer rather than the Windows printer, eliminating the need to go through the printer dialogue box. There is a button to directly create a report in Excel format. Other minor formatting and operational changes are incorporated into the new EIF WebReports version.

Not familiar with EIF WebReports?

The reports provide loan and grant information for all Environmental Improvement Fund (EIF) wastewater, drinking water and brownfields projects that have received EIF funding. The reports are intended to provide loan and grant information for municipal officials, financial advisors, auditors, engineers and bond counsels. The reports are available 24/7 except when the server is down for maintenance or repairs.

If you have questions about EIF WebReports after visiting the site, contact Ed Brinson of DOA at (608) 267-1836 or ed.brinson@doa.state.wi.us. ☐



ITA and PERF Reminder

Ken Hollenzer

December 31, 2004, is the postmark deadline for the Notice of Intent to Apply form (ITA) and Priority Evaluation and Ranking Form (PERF) for State Fiscal Year 2006 projects.

You must submit an ITA and a PERF by this deadline if you intend to request funding from the Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP), the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP), or the Land Recycling Loan Program (LRLP) between July 1, 2005, and June 30, 2006.

ITAs are valid for one state fiscal year. If your municipality submits an ITA by December 31 for a project but does not receive funding during the following fiscal year, you must submit another ITA to keep the project current with the Environmental Improvement Fund. If your municipality is planning to apply for funds for more than one project, you must submit a separate ITA for each project.

If you already submitted a PERF for your project and there is no change in the scope of that project, you do not need to submit another PERF. We require one PERF be submitted for each project.

To print ITAs and PERFs for all EIF programs, visit our website at: <http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/Forms/forms.html> or contact Deb Olson at (608) 266-5889 or debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us if you need forms mailed to you.

If you have questions about ITAs, contact Ken Hollenzer at (608) 266-7542 or kenneth.hollenzer@dnr.state.wi.us.

If you have PERF questions, contact the PERF specialist for the appropriate program:

For CWFP PERFs, Ken Hollenzer.

For LRLP PERFs, Maureen Hubeler at (608) 266-0849 or maureen.hubeler@dnr.state.wi.us.

For SDWLP PERFs, Jeanne Cargill at (608) 267-7587 or jeanne.cargill@dnr.state.wi.us. ☐



Grants for Runoff and Storm Water Management

Jeanne Cargill

Are you looking for grant funds to deal with runoff pollution or storm water in your municipality? Some of our coworkers in the Bureau of Community Financial Assistance asked us to provide you with information about their competitive cost-share grant programs.

Grant awards for Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) and Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management (UNPS) support small-scale, 2-year projects sponsored by local governmental units.

Interested? For more information about these grant programs, see the page titled "DNR Grant Programs" in the appendix of this issue of *Loan Interests*. ☐

New Storm Water Rule

A new state administrative rule aimed at cutting pollution that's picked up by rain and melting snow, carried into storm sewers, and emptied directly into Wisconsin waters with no treatment went into effect August 1st.

Under the new rule, construction sites disturbing more than one acre must get state permits and keep soil on their land during and after construction, and 250 Wisconsin municipalities must get state permit coverage to control the pollution entering their storm sewers.

Eric Rortvedt, the Department of Natural Resources storm water coordinator, says: "These rules will greatly expand protection for Wisconsin lakes and rivers by expanding the number of municipalities and construction sites required to control storm water. For these rules to be successful, however, everybody must step up to the plate--developers, homeowners, business owners, local government. Everybody must take responsibility for reducing the impacts of storm water pollution they help create."

The state rule is consistent with federal rules that took effect March 10, 2003. It extends to smaller municipalities and to more than 2,000 smaller construction sites, the same kinds of requirements Wisconsin's bigger cities and construction sites have faced for a decade.

Construction site permit requirements

Property owners with projects disturbing one or more acres of land are required to get permit coverage under the new state rule. Previously, the threshold was five acres. The permit details practices that must be followed to keep soil on the land during construction, and to incorporate designs that, once construction is done, allow rain or snowmelt to soak in on the site or be stored there until pollutants can settle out. Construction sites constitute a small proportion of land use, but on a per acre basis their sediment dwarfs the amount coming from other land uses. Farmlands with no pollution controls can deliver four to 10 tons per acre per year of sediment while construction sites without controls can easily contribute 40 to 80 tons per acre per year. Sediment can destroy habitat by covering the stream bottom, and pollutants attached to the sediment can

decrease the diversity of fish and other aquatic species.

DNR is responsible for issuing permit coverage to construction projects that are not regulated by the Department of Transportation (DOT) or the Department of Commerce. DOT regulates transportation projects that it directs and supervises and Commerce regulates commercial building sites.

The new rule also requires permitted municipalities to get involved in enforcing local erosion control and storm water management ordinances. "With a local program and more oversight, hopefully developers and property owners will do a better job of controlling storm water and Wisconsin waters will be better protected," Rortvedt says.



Municipal permit requirements

Under the rules, about 250 Wisconsin municipalities will be getting permits from DNR that require them to meet state standards to control pollution that enters their municipal separate storm sewer system. Municipalities must cut by 20 percent the amount of dirt and other particulates in their storm water by 2008; that goal increases to 40 percent by 2013. The affected municipalities are located within 16 urbanized areas that have a population of at least 50,000 residents and a density of at least 500 people per square mile.

In older areas, municipalities will focus on controlling storm water by reducing the pollutants on streets, parking lots, lawns, and other surfaces before a rain storm can wash the pollutants into the storm sewer system. Municipal

residents may have to change their behavior with regard to leaf management, pet waste, and fertilizer. Their communities may also ask them to help pay for other storm water controls such as additional street sweeping or devices to remove pollutants from storm water.

In developing areas, municipalities will focus on designs that better manage stormwater on-site with green space, detention ponds, vegetative buffers and other features that allow the land to store and settle out contaminants before the runoff reaches storm sewers.

For further information

More information on controlling urban storm water can be found in the on-line edition of the February/March 2003 issue of *Natural Resources Magazine* at <http://www.wnrmag.com/supps/2003/feb03/law.htm>. If you have questions regarding the new rules, contact Eric Rortvedt at (608) 264-6273 or eric.rortvedt@dnr.state.wi.us or contact Mary Anne Lowndes at (608) 261-6420 or maryanne.lowndes@dnr.state.wi.us.
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CWFP Hardship Assistance Update

Cindy Hoffland

The State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2005 Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) Hardship Financial Assistance Funding List includes no municipalities. We had several municipalities request hardship assistance on their Notice of Intent to Apply form (ITA) who either did not meet the eligibility criteria or did not send an application by the June 30 deadline.

Your municipality may be placed on the SFY 2006 Hardship Financial Assistance Funding List by meeting the following criteria as per s. NR 162.42, Wis. Adm. Code:

- Median Household Income (MHI) must be 80% or less of the state's MHI.
- Without hardship assistance, the estimated total annual wastewater charges per residential user in your municipality must exceed 2% of the municipal MHI.

Your municipality must also then

- submit an ITA (Form 8700-195), specifying hardship assistance, and a Priority Evaluation and Ranking Form (8700-196) by December 31, 2004; and
- submit a completed Financial Assistance Application (Form 8700-203) and plans & specifications by June 30, 2005.

You may work with us now to see if you meet the eligibility criteria by filling out a Hardship Financial Assistance Preliminary Calculation Request (Form 8700-282).

For further information regarding hardship assistance, see our website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/Section/hardship.html>, or contact Cindy Hoffland at 608-266-7758 or Cynthia.Hoffland@dnr.state.wi.us.

To obtain CWFP forms, visit our Forms and Publications web page at <http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/FORMS/forms.html> or contact Deb Olson at 608-266-5889 or debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us. ☐



CWFP Intended Use Plan – Table 1

Jeanne Cargill

In the May 2004 Loan Interests (Issue No. 134), we published the Clean Water Fund Program Intended Use Plan (IUP). I inadvertently left out Table 1 that is referred to in a number of sections of the IUP. The table is titled “Table 1: Federally Funded Projects Eligible to Receive Disbursements – SFY 2005” and is included in the Appendix of this issue of Loan Interests. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you. ☐

Clean Watersheds Needs Survey

Becky Scott

Can you help us out? We're looking for information on potential wastewater and storm water projects in Wisconsin through 2024.

Staff in the Environmental Loans Section are contacting municipalities to request documentation that can be used in the 2004 EPA Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS). The CWNS is conducted every four years by the States and EPA in order to gather information on water quality related infrastructure funding needs for every State in the country. The CWNS is especially important as the results may be used to allocate federal funds to the state revolving loan programs in the future. We have been trying to contact all municipalities that have wastewater treatment plants that serve 3,000 or more people, but we are interested in gathering documentation for everyone in the State.

The timeframe for projects to be counted in the CWNS is from January 1, 2004 through the next 20 years. This means any wastewater or storm water project that had not started construction as of January 1, 2004 can be counted. This can include expansion or rehabilitation of your collection system. In order for documentation to be accepted by EPA, it needs to include a description of the problem being addressed, a description of the proposed solution to the problem, and the estimated costs of the solution. Facility Plans and Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) often are the best documents for this (if the CIP includes a description of the problem), but most documents that include the necessary information can be used.

We need your help to gather this information. If you have suitable documentation for any wastewater or storm water projects that had not started construction as of January 1, 2004, please help us out. Send documents or copies of the relevant sections, plus the title page to:

Becky Scott
WDNR – CF/8
P.O. Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707-7921

We need to receive the documentation by early December at the latest. If you have any questions, contact Becky Scott at rebecca.scott@dnr.state.wi.us or 608-267-7584. We greatly appreciate your assistance in this effort.